

# Midway's Swiss Miss Float Wins Mayor's Award

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"Freedom's Journey to Midway" is the theme for this year's Swiss Miss Royalty float.

Entered in Provo's Freedom Festival held June 24, 2002, the float won the prestigious Mayor's Award for Most Outstanding City Entry.

Between 800 to 1000 total man hours went into design-

ing, building and creating this year's float, which is dedicated to the Swiss Pioneers who settled in Midway looking for religious freedom.

Riding atop the float is Swiss Miss 2002 Erica Smith, First Attendant Alex Zite, and attendants Amber Dodge, Lacey Lewis and Tiffany Biesinger. Swiss Miss Royalty

and their float will be highlighted during Salt Lake City's Day's of '47 Parade, July 24th by Channel 4 News.

An excerpt of Midway's Swiss Days and its early pioneers will also be featured.

The Swiss Miss Royalty is entered in several other parades and will be performing in local events such as Fair Days and Swiss Days.

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Scotch thistle is considered an annual or, in most cases, a biannual, meaning this plant can germinate, to a seedling, to a rosette,

then bolt flower, and seed all in one season as an annual or as a biannual, can germinate and form a rosette in the fall, over winter as a rosette, then bolt flower and seed the following spring or summer.

These plants can grow as much as eight to nine feet in height and some leaves can grow to two feet long and one foot wide. Under poor conditions, this weed may stand only one foot tall, but can produce nearly as many seeds as the larger plants.

A single Scotch thistle is imposing enough, but an entire infestation can ruin a pasture or

try should know it's the wrong place to get thrown.

The first Scotch thistle plant was aware of in Wasatch County were on Parley Probst's ranch below the Jordanelle Dam, around A1 Bairds' old service station on Hwy. 40 just south of Joe Witts where Arbys' stands today. The largest infestation was on the west side of the Pro River around a gravel pit or quarry.

Possibly Scotch thistle was caught a ride there on equipment used to load or haul the rock at gravel.

Parley used the road that went through the gravel pit to trail sheep herds over Valeo, to Dur Canyon and Pine. It's a wonder

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